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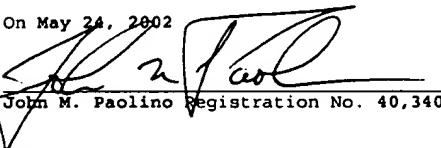
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For: Method and Apparatus for
Controlling a Stream of
Liquid Test Packages in a
Capsule Chemistry System

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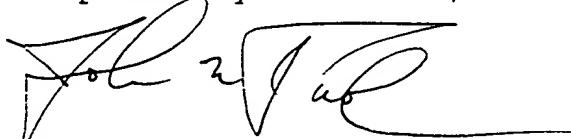
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